
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

JUNE 23, 1852.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

JULY 7, 1852.

Reported with an amendment, viz : insert the sections printed in *italics*, and accompanied by a report, (No. 289.)

AN ACT

To provide for the protection of the Territories of New Mexico and Oregon, and the States of Texas and California.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*
3 *assembled,* That the President be, and he is hereby au-
4 thorized to cause arms to be distributed among such por-
5 tions of the inhabitants of New Mexico and Oregon and
6 the States of Texas and California, as he may deem advi-
7 sable, and under such regulations and precautions as may
8 be considered necessary to insure the preservation of said
9 arms, and the application thereof to the defence of the said
10 Territories; and that so much of the two hundred thou-
11 sand dollars annually appropriated by the act of twenty-
12 third of April, eighteen hundred and eight, for arming the

13 whole body of the militia of the United States, as may be
 14 necessary, shall be used for that purpose, anything in said
 15 act to the contrary notwithstanding.

1 SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Presi-
 2 dent be, and he is hereby authorized, whenever he may
 3 deem it necessary for the protection of said Territories, or
 4 either of them, to call out all or any portion of the militia
 5 thereof, or to accept the services of one or more volunteer
 6 companies which may be raised therein; and the volun-
 7 teers and militia so called into service shall be entitled to
 8 the same ordinary monthly pay and allowances as were
 9 provided by law for volunteers while in the service of the
 10 United States, under the act entitled "An act providing for
 11 the prosecution of the existing war between the United
 12 States and the republic of Mexico," approved May thir-
 13 teenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six.

1 SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Presi-
 2 dent of the United States is hereby authorized to accept
 3 the services of as many companies of mounted Texan
 4 rangers, as he in his judgment may deem necessary for
 5 the protection of the Texan frontier: *Provided*, That
 6 the whole force thus raised and employed in Texas, shall
 7 in no case exceed the number of five hundred men.

1 SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That each of
 2 the said companies of rangers shall consist of one cap-

tain, one first, one second and one third lieutenant, five sergeants, five corporals and one hundred privates, who shall engage to serve the government for one year at least, from the date of their muster into the service of the United States, unless otherwise ordered and directed by the President.

SECT. 5. And be it further enacted, That the said mounted rangers shall provide their own horses, clothing and equipments, with the exception of arms and ammunition, which arms and ammunition are to be supplied by the government ; but if any member of any of said companies shall fail, during his term of service, to provide himself as above mentioned, the United States may furnish him with the same, and retain the amount out of his pay.

SECT. 6. And be it further enacted, That the commissioned officers shall receive the same pay and emoluments as officers of the same grade in the army of the United States, and the officers shall be allowed forage for their horses, and be entitled to the same rations as those of the same grade respectively in the army of the United States ; and the sergeants shall be allowed twenty-eight dollars per month ; the corporals twenty-five dollars per month, and the privates twenty-two and a half dollars per month respectively, and shall be entitled to the same

11 *rations and the same forage for their horses, which are*
 12 *now allowed to dragoons in the regular service of the*
 13 *United States.*

1 SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted, That the officers,*
 2 *non-commissioned officers and privates, raised pursuant*
 3 *to this act, shall be entitled to the like compensation in*
 4 *case of disability by wounds or otherwise incurred in the*
 5 *service, as has heretofore been allowed to officers, non-*
 6 *commissioned officers and privates in the military estab-*
 7 *lishment of the United States, but shall in no case be*
 8 *entitled to compensation for the loss of horses or private*
 9 *property, and shall be subject to the rules and articles of*
 10 *war, and such regulations as have been or shall be estab-*
 11 *lished according to law for the government of the army*
 12 *of the United States.*

1 SECT. 8. *And be it further enacted, That when the*
 2 *President shall deem it necessary to employ any portion*
 3 *of said force for the protection of the Texan frontier, he*
 4 *shall cause the Governor of Texas to be notified of his*
 5 *intention, designating the number of companies that will*
 6 *be required and the place or places of muster ; and such*
 7 *company or companies as the governor may select for*
 8 *said service, not exceeding the number designated by the*
 9 *President, and who shall present themselves regularly*
 10 *organized and equipped in accordance with the require-*

11 *ments of this act, shall be mustered into the service of the*
12 *United States, and shall continue in such service, subject*
13 *to the rules and regulations aforesaid, for the term of one*
14 *year, unless otherwise ordered and directed by the Presi-*
15 *dent.*

1 SECT. 9. *And be it further enacted, That the Presi-*
2 *dent is also authorized to call upon the governor of Cali-*
3 *fornia for any number of companies which he may deem*
4 *necessary for the protection of the frontier of said State,*
5 *not exceeding five in all, to be in all respects, mounted,*
6 *organized and equipped, to consist of the same number*
7 *of officers, non-commissioned officers and privates, to re-*
8 *ceive the same pay and emoluments, to serve under the*
9 *same limitations for the same term, and to be subject in*
10 *all respects to the same rules and regulations as already*
11 *provided by this act in the case of the Texan rangers.*